

PPECC UPDATE AND MCO SURVEY DUE NOVEMBER 14, 2016

Update

HHSC has received final federal approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) on the Medicaid State Plan Amendment to make Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers (PPECCs) a benefit effective November 1, 2016. In addition, final program rules were published October 21, 2016 in the Texas Register. The MCOs are subject to these program rules per recent contract amendments. Rates are under final development, and a rate hearing is anticipated in the coming weeks.

As a reminder, PPECCs provide non-residential center-based services to medically or technologically children who are 20 years old or younger and require ongoing skilled nursing. PPECC services are an alternative to private duty nursing.

STAR Kids MCOs may consult the STAR Kids Handbook for more details on PPECC services and coordination with private duty nursing services.

Request

HHSC is conducting a survey of Medicaid MCOs (STAR, STAR Health and STAR Kids) related to the new Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Center (PPECC) benefit that will be effective November 1, 2016. The survey seeks information on whether the MCOs intend to utilize fee-for-service (FFS) forms for PPECC prior authorization, or MCO-developed forms. MCO-developed forms must be comparable to the FFS forms, and must be approved by HHSC. Please use the link provided below to respond. Survey responses are due November 14, 2016.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6Q7QB5G>